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**Karen M. Frank**



***The Classical Tradition*** by Anthony Grafton (\$49.95). A beautiful, comprehensive volume that calls out to be browsed and cherished.

***Madame Bovary*** by Gustave Flaubert, new translation by Lydia Davis (\$27.95). I do not need it, but I want to own this new translation (really just an excuse).

***The Country Cooking Of Ireland*** by Colman Andrews (\$50). As much for the history and the marvelous photography as for the recipes.

***The Wind That Shakes The Barley*** by Loreena McKennitt (\$14.98 cd). Still one of my favorite recording artists. This album is traditional Celtic and is guaranteed to transport.

**Stan Hynds**



***At Home with Madhur Jaffrey: Simple, Delectable Dishes from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka*** by Madhur

Jaffrey (\$35). I don't need any more cookbooks, but that doesn't mean I don't continue to want them. Without a good Indian cookbook on the shelf (and I love Indian cuisine), Madhur Jaffrey's would be perfect.

***Ken Burns Jazz: The Story of American Music*** (\$60.98 cd boxed set). If you don't have an extensive jazz library nor the means to begin to accumulate one, an excellent sampler is a great idea. This set contains five discs featuring some of the greatest jazz ever recorded - from Jelly Roll Morton to Weather Report.

**Nancy Scheemaker**



***The Amazing Monarch: The Secret Wintering Grounds of an Endangered Butterfly*** by Windle Turley (\$29.95).

Looking through

this wondrous photo essay, I was reminded of how awesome this little creature truly is. Looking at butterflies has always made me feel like a curious child, and who wouldn't enjoy being a kid again, even for a few hours?

***Atlas of the Transatlantic Slave Trade*** by David Eltis and David Richardson (\$50). One can hardly begin to understand the unfolding history of humanity without understanding the cruel "story of greed" that shaped the developing world - the 350 year trans-Atlantic slave trade. This volume is receiving the highest praise as a definitive and essential text on the subject.

***The Collected Stories of Lydia Davis*** (\$19 pb). What would I do in my busy life without short stories? I just know this smart little volume is loaded with many hours of sharp, surprising, delightful reading. I just know it!

**Jon Fine**



***Eric Clapton Crossroads Guitar Festival 2010*** (\$29.98 dvd set).

The previous Crossroads Festival discs represented a superlative gathering of musical talent that not only invigorated my interest in and passion for some favorite artists but also introduced me to some gifted guitarists unfamiliar to me. This edition promises even more. ***In Session with Stevie Ray Vaughn*** (\$18.98 cd). This new two-disc set with Albert Brooks adds a dvd to the

previous masterful live cd. The "on air" jam with these two heavyweight bluesmen represents one of the finest ever presentations of their talents, and previously unseen broadcast footage promises to be a "don't miss" for classic guitar/blues fans.

***40: A Doonesbury Retrospective*** by G.B. Trudeau (\$100). As a teen, I began collecting (much smaller) Doonesbury comic strip anthologies. Trudeau's politically and culturally tinged humor is timeless and unique, brilliant, a little warped and, well, more often than not, flat out hysterical.

**Charles Bottomley**



***The Flavor Thesaurus: A Compendium of Pairings, Recipes, and Ideas for the Creative Cook*** by Niki Segnit (\$27). The title

drew me in, the contents blew my mind. An informative, essential, deeply personal take on flavor pairings. Did you know garlic and onion are known as "devil's dung" among Chinese Buddhists?

***The War of the End of the World*** by Mario Vargas Llosa (\$17 pb). Some books you need to own more than once. Vargas Llosa's epic tale of a holy war between fanatics and Brazilian overlords is as timely now as it was in 1981. Can't wait to be rocked again!

***The Complete Stories of J.G. Ballard*** (\$24.95 pb). The late Ballard was always five minutes ahead of reality. His tales are a wonderful introduction to a surreal, even sexy, mind that imagined our present into being.

***Destroy All Movies!! The Complete Guide to Punks on Film*** edited by Zack Carlson (\$39.99 pb). What it says in the title: a bilious critical take on the portrayal of punk culture at the movies. Stalwarts from Black Flag, Minor Threat and X contribute scabrous commentary.



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**Cheryl Cornwell**



**China: Through the Lens of John Thomson 1868-1872** by Betty Yao (\$65). This is an amazing collection of rare photographs taken during the Qing reign,

China's last dynasty. Thomson captured an array of people and experiences in stunning photographs.

**Krysta Piccoli**



**The Tulip Anthology** by Ron Van Dongen (\$60). This book shows why it's no wonder the Dutch economy tanked for these flowers. As a tulip lover, I really, really need this book.

**What I Eat: Around the World in 80 Diets** by Faith D'aluisio (\$40). The differences in food culture around the world have always fascinated me. After reading and loving *What the World Eats* I have flipped through this one a few times. A beautiful and startling book.

**Some We Love, Some We Hate, Some We Eat: Why It's So Hard to Think Straight about Animals** by Hal Herzog (\$25.99). People have the wackiest relationships with animals! A fun read that will really get you thinking about why we feel the way we do about them.

**Erik Barnum**



**The Complete National Geographic: Every Issue Since 1888** (\$79.95 dvd). Every page of every issue in easy-to-use-and-search digital

format. The only drawback is that I probably wouldn't leave my computer for a month.

**Beatles Stereo Box Set (Remaster)** (\$259.98 cd). OK, so it's last Christmas' perfect gift. But I didn't get one, darn it.

**Louise Jones**



**Colonel Roosevelt** by Edmund Morris (\$35). I'm a fan of Morris' *The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt* and *Theodore Rex*. This splendid,

insightful book completes the trilogy – TR's last ten years traveling, writing, politicking. I can't wait to dive in. **Seeing Further: The Story of Science, Discovery, & the Genius of the Royal Society** edited by Bill Bryson (\$35). This looks like the perfect companion to *The Age of Wonder* by Richard Holmes, one of my favorite books of 2009.

**Mediterranean Clay Pot Cooking: Traditional and Modern Recipes to Savor and Share** by Paula Wolfert (\$34.95). I love the food of the lands bordering the Mediterranean, and I love Wolfert's recipes. Now all I need is a nice clay pot.

**Alden Graves**



**Ford at Fox: The Collection** (\$299.98 dvd). This 21-disc boxed set comprises the best of John Ford's movies at Fox between

1920 and 1952, including *The Grapes of Wrath* and *How Green Was My Valley* that won two of his still unprecedented four Academy Awards. Includes Ford's three pictures with Will Rogers, both the British and American versions of his landmark *The Iron Horse*, many of his rarely seen silents and a documentary titled *Becoming John Ford*.

**Requiem for Steam: The Railroad Photographs of David Plowden** (\$65). A magnificent collection of photographs that both recall and pay a deserved homage to the age of steam trains in North America, the iron leviathans that helped to build and sustain both a nation and a way of life.

**Sarah Knight**



**Drives of A Lifetime: 500 of the World's Most Spectacular Trips** (\$40). I love travel books and this one from National Geographic is terrific. For those

who like to travel and those who like to dream of travel, it includes far away places like Taiwan's Taroko Gorge and a closer trip from Montreal to the Revolutionary Roads of Massachusetts. Each trip teases with a photo, a map and just enough information to entice the reader to get in the car and take off.

**Bill Lewis**



**Atlas of the Civil War** by Neil Kagan and Stephen G. Hyslop (\$40). 34 vivid new maps, over 85 rare historical maps, 320

photographs and much more. Accurate and impressive as either a stand-alone read or (more likely) the perfect companion guide to other Civil War works.

**The New York Times: The Complete Front Pages, 1851-2009** (\$60). Facsimile reproductions of 300 front pages for especially important dates plus 3 dvd-roms that contain every front page from 1851 onward (fully indexed) and links to every front page article story in full.

**Sarah Teunissen**



**The Complete National Geographic: Every Issue Since 1888** (\$79.95 dvd). This is my wish list item because I can only store two decades of back issues at a time.

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